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#### **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk / Adminstrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: WiMacTel, Inc. Application for Local and Interexchange

**Telecommunications Authority** 

Docket No. 2010-225-C

Dear Jocelyn:

Enclosed for filing please find a motion for protective treatment for filing a Supplement to Exhibit C to the Application of WiMacTel, Inc. for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in South Carolina. In response to the Office of Regulatory Staff's request that the Company provide additional financial information, we submit the confidential, consolidated financial statements of its parent company, Quortech Equities. We request that the supplemental exhibit be treated and maintained as confidential pursuant to Order No. 2005-226 for the reasons outlined in the attached motion. By copy of this letter, we will serve the confidential exhibit on the Office of Regulatory Staff.

If you have any questions, please have someone on your staff contact me.

Very truly yours,

ROBINSON, McFadden & Moore, P.C.

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Enclosures

cc/enc: Randall Dong, Hearing Examiner (via hand delivery)

Shannon Bowyer Hudson, ORS Staff Attorney (via hand delivery)

Mr. James MacKenzie (via email) Mr. Thomas M. Forte (via email)

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA DOCKET NO. 2010-225-C

Application of WiMacTel, Inc. for a Certificate of	)
Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide	)
Facilities Based Local Exchange and Resold Long	)
Distance Telecommunications Services and For	)
Flexible Regulation of its Local Exchange Services	)
and Alternative Regulation of its Long Distance	)
Service Offerings	)

### MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE TREATMENT AND BASIS FOR FILING A SUPPLEMENT TO EXHIBIT C AS TRADE SECRET

#### **Introduction**

WiMacTel, Inc. ("WiMacTel" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, and pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 39-8-10, et seq. and Commission Order No. 2005-226 and all other applicable rules, statutes and regulations, hereby files this Motion for Protective Treatment ("Motion") in the above-captioned proceeding. By this Motion, the Applicant seeks protective treatment by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") of certain commercially-sensitive financial statements filed as a trade secret and attached as a *Supplement to Exhibit C* to the Application of WiMacTel, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Facilities Based Local Exchange and Resold Long Distance Telecommunications Services and for Flexible Regulation of its Local Exchange Services and Alternative Regulation of its Long Distance Service Offerings ("Application") filed with the Public Service Commission on June 28, 2010.

WiMacTel provides the following information:

1. The exact legal name, address and telephone number of the Applicant are

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2. Correspondence or communications regarding this Motion should be addressed to:

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#### A. Description of Confidential Information.

The Application requires WiMacTel to disclose evidence of financial fitness through the submission of documentation of its financial resources and ability to provide the requested service. The Office of Regulatory Staff has asked the Company to provide additional financial information in support of its application. Since WiMacTel is in start-up mode and has not yet started to provide services, WiMacTel submits the consolidated financial statements of its parent company, Quortech Equities. As indicated in the application, WiMacTel has access to financial resources from Quortech Equities, if needed. These documents contain highly confidential and strictly proprietary information, the public disclosure of which may result in direct, immediate and substantial harm to the competitive position of the Applicant and/or Quortech Equities in South Carolina and elsewhere.

#### B. Grounds for Claim of Confidentiality.

- 4. WiMacTel and/or Quortech Equities are presently immune from a legal obligation to prepare or submit projected financial statements, or any other financial information, to any public entity. As such, the financial statements attached as a *Supplement to Exhibit C* to the Application are not readily available to persons external to WiMacTel and/or Quortech Equities except for regulatory and governmental agencies with jurisdiction over WiMacTel, and then only under seal.
- 5. Because the financial statements submitted by WiMacTel in support of the Application contain confidential and commercially-sensitive information from which its competitors may derive economic value, WiMacTel seeks to protect such material from public disclosure. WiMacTel derives independent economic value from the fact that significant, detailed and proprietary information regarding its financial structure and current financing activities is unknown to its competitors. As such, the Company's financial statements are a "trade secret" as that term is used in South Carolina Trade Secrets Act. S.C. Code Section 39-8-20(5). Given this fact, the disclosure of this information could provide existing and potential competitors, including institutional calling services providers in South Carolina, as well as in other states in which WiMacTel provides or intends to provide telecommunications service, with an unfair and undeserved competitive advantage.
- 6. WiMacTel clarifies herein that its request for protection applies only to the documents attached as a *Supplement to Exhibit C* to the Application. WiMacTel is not seeking protection of any type for those reports WiMacTel is required to file with the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") should the relief sought in the Application be granted: the Annual Report Form, Gross Receipts Report, and Universal Service Fund Worksheet.

#### **CONCLUSION**

7. The financial information included in support of WiMacTel, for which Confidential Treatment is sought, is both proprietary and competitively-sensitive. The substantial and direct harm that could be caused to WiMacTel and/or Quortech Equities as a result of any disclosure is real and not speculative. Moreover, to date, no other jurisdiction or governmental agency has required WiMacTel and/or Quortech Equities to make this information available to the public. For all these reasons, the financial statements attached as a Supplement to Exhibit C to the Application should be protected from public disclosure by the Commission.

WHEREFORE, WiMacTel, Inc. respectfully requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina grant this Motion for Protective Treatment with respect to the financial statements attached as a Supplement to Exhibit C to the Application and filed under seal as Confidential in this proceeding.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010.

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#### WiMacTel, Inc.

#### SUPPLEMENT TO EXHIBIT C To the Application of WiMacTel, Inc. filed June 28, 2010

**Quortech Consolidated Financial Statements** 

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I, Leslie L. Allen, a legal assistant with the law firm of Robinson, McFadden & Moore, P.C., have this day caused to be served upon the person(s) named below the MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE TREATMENT in the foregoing matter by causing a copy of same to be hand delivered, in an envelope addressed as follows:

Shannon Hudson Office of Regulatory Staff 1401 Main Street, Suite 900 Columbia, SC 29201 Randall Dong, Hearing Examiner Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Drive Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

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Dated at Columbia, South Carolina this 4th day of August, 2010.

Leslie L. Allen